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In Re U.S. Patent Application of:  
Robert T. Stephen, et al.

Application No.: 09/927,897

Filed: August 10, 2001

For: BARBECUE GRILL  
ASSEMBLY WITH SHELF COMPONENT

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on November 18, 2003. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time is included. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 18, 2003. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set for response, making this Reply due on November 18, 2003. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time with a check in the amount of \$110.00 also accompanies this Reply. This Amendment and Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

By the present amendments of the claims, Applicants cancel all of the claims rejected by Examiner, such that the only remaining claims are those which Examiner has indicated as being allowable. Therefore, Applicants request notice of allowance of those claims, Claims 20-35.